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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 2-7, 9, 17-18, 20-22 and 24 in accordance with the following rewritten claims in clean form. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Claim Amendments showing a marked up version of each amended claim.

2. (Amended) A method of preventing toxicity caused by a peptide fragment of apolipoprotein E having a molecular weight of at least 5kD to a cell comprising treating

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